

60. (Currently amended). The method of claim 1, A method of manufacturing a musical instrument comprising: forming a plurality of layers of wood into a stack, with a grain orientation of adjacent layers differing, the grain orientations defining a crossing angle, the crossing angle between adjacent layers less than 90°; and molding the stack with a resin in a mold to form a lamination comprising at least a portion of the musical instrument wherein the portion of the musical instrument comprises a body and a neck of the musical instrument.

**REMARKS**

Applicant has reviewed the requirement for restrictions and amendments. Applicant has cancelled claims which the Examiner rejected in its Office Action dated September 27, 2007. Specifically, Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 2, 5, 22, 23, and 27 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Further, Applicant has amended claims which the Examiner objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim in order to make them independent of the rejected (and now cancelled) base claims. Specifically, Applicant amended claims 6, 14, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 28, and 29, such that they are no longer dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 12, 13, 15-17 remain unchanged, since due to changes in the

above-mentioned amended claims these unchanged claims are no longer dependent on rejected base claims. Thus, any objection the Examiner had relating to any of these claims should now be adequately addressed.

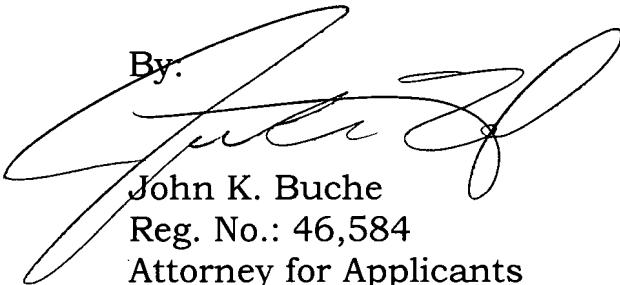
Finally, in the most recent Office Action the Examiner allowed claims 38-40 and 51-60. However, claims 56-60 were dependent on cancelled claims. Applicant has amended claims 56-60 to include the language and limitations of the cancelled claims upon which these claims were dependent, thus making these claims now independent of any cancelled base claims. Applicant makes these amendments in an effort to clarify the language of the allowed claims and not to alter in anyway the scope of these allowed claims. It is not the intent of the Applicant in making these amendments that the Applicant surrender any particular range of equivalents. Since these claims were previously allowed, and the scope of them has not been altered by the amendments, Applicant believes the Examiner should have no objection to continuing their allowance as amended.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the new claims are in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect respectfully is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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